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In re Patent Application of Joseph C. Facey) Group Art Unit: 1725
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Title: METHOD FOR CENTERING A SPUTTER TARGET ONTO A BACKING PLATE AND THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF) Examiner: Jonathan J. Johnson))

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is to the Second Restriction Requirement issued January 10, 2006.

Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I: claims 1-10 and 13-17, drawn to a method of making a sputter target assembly. Applicants further elect the species directed to claims 1-10.

As a final matter, the drawings are objected to as being "grossly disproportionate". This objection is traversed, as the drawings are not to scale, and the undersigned is not aware of any such requirement. The drawings are simply schematic and are provided to aid the Examiner in better understanding the invention. As such, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his or her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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